

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on January 11, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Pinzi, Embalmer - Chairperson
James Donohue
Peter Hansen, Embalmer
Daniel P. Jowdy, Embalmer - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John B. Sterry

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Jane Comerford, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Celia Pinzi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund
Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an overview of legislation proposed by the Department of Public Health which would establish a confidential program for impaired health care practitioners; provide funding for DPH consultants and provide funding to the DPH for medical record management in situations in which a practitioner has abandoned a practice. Mr. Peck stated that this legislation would result in a \$10.00 surcharge added to annual license renewals with the monies deposited in a designated fund. Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to support the proposed legislation and to authorize Ms. Pinzi to send a letter of support to the legislature if requested. The motion passed with all in favor.

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. National Cremation Service – Petition Nos. 2004-1112-056-008; 2005-1214-056-024
Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut along with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.
Mr. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and the Board went into executive session from 10:05 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.

Following executive session Mr. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with Mr. Hansen and Mr. Donohue voting in favor. Ms. Pinzi was opposed. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

B. SCI CT Funeral Service d/b/a/ Leo Gallagher & Sons Funeral Home –
Petition Nos. 2004-0630-056-010; 2005-1209-056-021

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Michele Balzano was present on behalf of the licensee along with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to accept the Consent Order Thomas Gallagher spoke on behalf of the Funeral Home and answered questions from the Board. Following discussion Mr. Donohue voted in favor of accepting the Consent Order, Mr. Hansen and Ms. Pinzi were opposed.

Mr. Peck requested information as to what revisions to the proposed Order would be more acceptable to the Board. Mr. Hansen commented that the issue in this case of an unembalmed body being kept for a period of five months requires a remedy more sever than that which was proposed.

C. SCI CT Funeral Service d/b/a/ Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home
Petition No. 2005-1209-056-020

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Harvey Bollinger and Jeanette Rosiek were present for the licensee along with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to accept the Consent Order The motion passed with Mr. Hansen and Mr. Donohue voting in favor. Ms. Pinzi was opposed. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

D. Thomas Gallagher - Petition No. 2005-0630-030-009

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Mr. Gallagher was present with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to accept the Consent Order Following discussion Mr. Donohue voted in favor of accepting the Consent Order, Mr. Hansen and Ms. Pinzi were opposed.

E. Michele Balzano - Petition No. 2005-1214-056-016

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Ms. Balzano was present with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to accept the Consent Order Following discussion Mr. Donohue voted in favor of accepting the Consent Order, Mr. Hansen and Ms. Pinzi were opposed.

F. Jonathan White - Petition No. 2005-1214-030-020

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Mr. White was present with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to accept the Consent Order.

Mr. Christopher Palumbo was present to answer questions from the Board.

Following discussion Mr. Donohue voted in favor of accepting the Consent Order, Mr. Hansen and Ms. Pinzi were opposed.

G. Jeanette Rosiek - Petition No. 2005-1209-030-015

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Ms. Rosiek was present with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to accept the Consent Order

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

H. Dalton Zahner - Petition No. 2005-0412-030-007

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Mr. Zahner was present with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to accept the Consent Order

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

I. Christopher Palumbo - Petition No. 2005-1214-030-021

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office Department of Public Health and Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Mr. Palumbo was present with Attorney Jeffrey Zyjeski. Harvey Bollinger, was present for SCI of Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the Consent Order provided respondent submits proof to the Department and the Board that a refund of refrigeration charges were provided to the family.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Jowdy joined the meeting via telephone conference at 12:25 p.m.

J. Petteway Funeral Home - Petition No. 2006- 0120-056-002

Ms. Pinzi recused herself in this matter and Mr. Hansen chaired the meeting.

Diane Wilan Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension. Clifton Petteway owner of the funeral home, Lillard Lewis, manager of the funeral home and Reverend Stanley Petteway were present on behalf of the home but were not represented by counsel. Assistant Attorney General Jane Comerford was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Following discussion and comments from Mr. Petteway, Reverend Petteway and Mr. Lewis Mr.

Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jowdy, to grant the motion for summary suspension.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Pinzi who was recused. Mr. Hansen signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for January 23, 2007.

Mr. Jowdy left the meeting and Ms. Pinzi rejoined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

- K. Kevin Riley - Petition No. 2006- 0427-030-006
Coventry Funeral Home - Petition No. 2006- 1206-056-012
Hartford Trade Service – Petition No. 2006-0427-056-007

Ellen Shanley Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the referenced matters.. Kevin Riley was present with Attorney John Droney. Assistant Attorney General Jane Comerford was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss the Summary Suspension Application.

Argument was heard from Attorneys Shanley and Droney.

The Board expressed concern that due to volume of information alleged and presented, more time is necessary for the Board to review this information.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to table this matter to a meeting to be scheduled for January 18, 2007. The motion passed unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Pinzi, Chairperson
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on January 18, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Pinzi, Embalmer - Chairperson
James Donohue
Peter Hansen, Embalmer
Daniel P. Jowdy, Embalmer
John B. Sterry

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Chairperson Celia Pinzi called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

I. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Kevin Riley - Petition No. 2006- 0427-030-006

Coventry Funeral Home - Petition No. 2006- 1206-056-012

Hartford Trade Service – Petition No. 2006-0427-056-007

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the referenced matters. Kevin Riley was present with Attorney John Droney.

Assistant Attorney General Jane Comerford was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. Jowdy indicated that he has done business with respondent in the past and asked if he should be recused. Neither the Department of Public Health nor respondent objected to Mr. Jowdy hearing this matter.

Respondent made a request that Mr. Hansen be recused due to potential business competition. Mr. Hansen indicated that although he would be able to remain objective and unbiased in hearing these matters, he would recuse himself.

Mr. Hansen left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Argument was heard from Attorney Droney and Attorney Shanley on respondent's motion to dismiss summary suspension applications. Attorney Droney presented numerous letters in support of respondent. Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pinzi, to deny respondent's motion to dismiss the summary suspension applications. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pinzi, to grant the Department's motion for Summary Suspension of respondent's embalmer license.

Mr. Sterry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The Board entered executive session from 10:20 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

Following executive session the Board heard additional argument from Attorneys Shanley and Droney. Mr. Riley also addressed the Board.

The Board voted unanimously not to grant the Department's motion for Summary Suspension of respondent's embalmer license.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterry, to grant the Department's motion for Summary Suspension of the inspection certificate of Coventry Funeral Home. The Board heard argument from Attorneys Shanley and Droney. Mr. Riley also addressed the Board. The Board voted unanimously not to grant the Department's motion for Summary Suspension of the inspection certificate of Coventry Funeral Home.

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterry, to grant the Department's motion for Summary Suspension of the inspection certificate of Hartford Trade Service. Mr. Riley addressed questions the Board. The Board voted unanimously not to grant the Department's motion for Summary Suspension of the inspection certificate of Hartford Trade Service.

The Board scheduled hearings in the referenced matters for February 8, 2007 and March 6, 15 and 29, 2007.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jowdy, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Pinzi, Chairperson
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on May 1, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Pinzi, Embalmer - Chairperson
James Donohue
Peter Hansen, Embalmer - *via telephone*
Daniel P. Jowdy, Embalmer
John B. Sterry - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Gary Griffin, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jane Comerford, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Celia Pinzi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the January 11, 2007 and January 18, 2007 meetings were reviewed. Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement Application – Brace Carpenter

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health presented the Board with an embalmer reinstatement application for Brace Carpenter. Following review Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jowdy, to recommend reinstatement provided that Mr. Carpenter successfully completes the Connecticut written and practical examinations. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Request to become a Practical Examiner

The Board reviewed a letter from Mark T. Kalinowski, Lisbon, Connecticut (Embalmer License #2606) offering his time to be an examiner for embalmer practical examinations. Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that Mr. Kalinowski's license is current with no history of discipline. Mr. Sterry made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pinzi, to recommend that the Department utilize Mr. Kalinowski as an examiner for practical examinations. The motion passed unanimously.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are 17 cases currently in various stages of investigation by the Department. Nine additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

- B. Colonial Funeral Home – Petition No. 2005-0927-056-015
Paul Moraski – Petition No. 2005-0927-030-013

Both licenses have been reissued following a Superior Court Order staying revocation pending the appeal filed by Mr. Moraski.

IV. LEGAL BUSINESS

- A. Clifton Petteway – Petition No. 2006-0120-000-003
Reverend S. P. Petteway – Petition No. 2006-0120-000-004

Ms. Pinzi recused herself in these matters. Assistant Attorney General Jane Comerford was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Attorney David Gronbach was present for respondents.

Attorney Wilan presented proposed Cease and Desist Orders in these cases. Attorney Gronbach, without objection from the Department, withdrew respondents' consent to the proposed Cease and Desist Orders at which time they were withdrawn by attorney Wilan.

A hearing in these matters will be scheduled to commence in June 2007.

V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

John Zembrowski, Jr., Licensed Embalmer, Southbury, Connecticut requested clarification as to permits for out-of-state funeral homes bringing bodies into Connecticut for cremation. Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that legislation regarding this issue is pending, technical language is being worked on. Ms. Filippone suggested that Mr. Zembrowski write to the Department for an interpretation of the statutes if the issue is not resolved by the pending legislation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Pinzi, Chairperson
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on May 22, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2E, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Pinzi, Embalmer - Chairperson
James Donohue
Peter Hansen, Embalmer - *via telephone*
Daniel P. Jowdy, Embalmer
John B. Sterry - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General – *via telephone*

Chairperson Celia Pinzi called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Paul Moraski v. Board of Embalmers - Docket Number 06-4012770S

Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present by conference call for this discussion.

The Board reviewed a letter from Attorney William Palmeri on behalf of Paul Moraski and the Colonial Funeral Home. Attorney Palmeri writes that respondent offers to withdraw the appeal of the Board's September 2006 Memoranda of Decision provided that the Board place respondents' license on probation for a period of three months in lieu of revocation.

The Board members spoke in opposition to respondent's offer.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterry, to reject respondent's offer for withdrawal of the appeal and to instruct Assistant Attorney General Kwanashie to continue with the defense of the appeal.

The motion passed unanimously.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohue, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Pinzi, Chairperson
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on September 18, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2F, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Pinzi, Embalmer - Chairperson
Peter Hansen, Embalmer
Daniel P. Jowdy, Embalmer
John B. Sterry

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Donohue

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Gary Griffin, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jane Comerford, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Celia Pinzi called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the May 1, 2007 and May 22, 2007 meetings were reviewed. Mr. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterry, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Education - Public Act 07-104

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that the DPH website has been updated to include the new continuing education requirements that were effective July 1m, 2007 pursuant to Public Act 07-104. The DPH also plans on mailing to licensees.

John Casio, Connecticut Funeral Directors Association (CFDA) reported that the CFDA has informed its membership as to the course that will be acceptable for continuing education.

Ms. Filippone also reported that an online license renewal system is being developed.

Ms. Pinzi reported that Briarwood College has requested that a representative of the Department speak to the school's Mortuary Science, Funeral Service Management Program regarding Connecticut Statutes and Regulations.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are 13 cases currently in various stages of investigation by the Department. 9 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Sharon Frigon – Petition No. 2006-0316-031-001

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Ms. Frigon was not present or represented.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to accept the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order.

B. William J. Marchand – Petition No. 2006-0329-030-004

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the this matter. Mr. Marchand was not present or represented.

Mr. Sterry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the Consent Order.

Following discussion Mr. Sterry and Mr. Hansen voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Pinzi and Mr. Jowdy were opposed. The motion failed.

C. SCI CT Funeral Service

The Board inquired as to the SCI CT Funeral Service matters that were presented and rejected at the January 11, 2007 meeting. Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health reported that respondents have new counsel. A meeting between the new counsel and the DPH is scheduled for the week of September 24, 2007.

V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mary Vincent, Vincent Funeral Homes, Inc., Simsbury, Connecticut inquired as to a complaint she filed with the Department of Public Health concerning Carmon Funeral Home and the serving of food and beverage. Kathleen Boulware, DPH, Practitioner Investigation Unit reported that the Department is reviewing the matter.

Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pinzi, requesting that the Department of Public Health seek a formal opinion from the Office of the Attorney General as to whether the serving of food and beverage in funeral homes is allowed by statute. Following discussion Mr. Jowdy withdrew his motion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sterry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Pinzi, Chairperson
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on November 15, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2F, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celia Pinzi, Embalmer - Chairperson
Peter Hansen, Embalmer
Daniel P. Jowdy, Embalmer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Donohue
John B. Sterry

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Gary Griffin, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jane Comerford, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Celia Pinzi called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jowdy, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIR UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Catholic Cemeteries Association was reviewed. The letter to Mausoleum Space Owners advises them that embalming is a requirement for all bodies entombed in mausoleums. In addition, the association has been informing funeral homes in the New Haven area that they will not entomb a body unless embalming has been performed. The association is also requiring funeral directors to sign a document attesting to the embalming.

Kathleen Boulware, Practiotner Investigation Unit, DPH stated that the department does not have jurisdiction over cemeteries and/or any regulations they may enact.

John Casio, Connecticut Funeral Directors Association (CFDA) commented that CFDA attempted to speak with association concerning this issue, but was unsuccessful.

A letter was received from "Concerned Funeral Directors" regarding a policy at Briarwood College requiring mortuary science students to obtain employment at funeral homes for the purpose of gaining experience in embalming of bodies. The concern is that students are involved in the embalming process without consent of the families of decedents. The Board will refer this matter to the Department of Public Health for review.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Ms. Boulware discussed the Continuing Education Program provided at Briarwood College on November 13, 2007.

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are 11 cases currently in various stages of investigation by the Department. 11 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

The Board expressed its frustration that the matters involving SCI CT Funeral Service, which were brought before the Board in January 2007 and rejected, have not come back for review. The Board commented that the issues involved are serious and require action. Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that Consent Orders and/or Statements of Charges in these matters will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

William J. Marchand – Petition No. 2006-0329-030-004

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Mr. Marchand was present but not represented.

Ms. Shanley and Mr. Marchand provided a synopsis of the issues involved in this matter.

Mr. Marchand informed that Board that he is in agreement with Consent Order and understands that his license will be disciplined.

Ms. Pinzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the Consent Order.

Following discussion Ms. Pinzi and Mr. Hansen voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Jowdy was opposed. The motion passed. Ms. Pinzi signed the Order.

V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mary Vincent, Vincent Funeral Homes, Inc., Simsbury, Connecticut inquired as to a complaint she filed with the Department of Public Health concerning Carmon Funeral Home and the serving of food and beverage. Kathleen Boulware, DPH, Practitioner Investigation Unit reported that the Department is reviewing the matter.

Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pinzi, requesting that the Department of Public Health seek a formal opinion from the Office of the Attorney General as to whether the serving of food and beverage in funeral homes is allowed by statute. Following discussion Mr. Jowdy withdrew his motion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Pinzi, Chairperson
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors